



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Evaluation of Western Air Services

In recognising the critical role of air connectivity for our regional communities, the Far North West Joint Organisation (FNWJO) made up of the Bourke, Cobar and Walgett Local Government Areas secured NSW Government grant funding in 2019 to support the return of regular passenger air services to Bourke, Cobar, Walgett, and Lightning Ridge.

Fly Pelican's Cobar contract runs until September 2025, and Air Link's Walgett / Lightning Ridge contract runs until November 2025.

### **Beyond this period, no further funding has been secured**

The Far North West Joint Organisation have engaged CJC Air and Ports to undertake an evaluation of the current air services with the evaluation being a requirement under the current funding deed. The lead for the project will be Dubbo based Jacki Parish. They are looking to include feedback from the community to determine who uses the services, and for what purpose. They are also asking if you don't use the air services tell us why not ?

The Far North West Joint Organisation would like to connect you with Jacki Parish to ensure they she is able to get feedback from all relevant identified stakeholders Jacki can be contacted via email [jacki.parish@cjcm.com.au](mailto:jacki.parish@cjcm.com.au)

One of the mechanisms to obtain feedback is via the completion of an online survey by members of the public and users of the services which will in turn be enhanced by individual contact as required.

A copy of the QR Code for the survey is below and available on each of the member Council's Websites. It would be sincerely appreciated if you were able complete the survey to gather vital information to inform the evaluation process. The survey closes Monday, 24 March 2025. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FNWJO25>

